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April, 1969

Madam Chairman, Ladies and Gentlemen,

I have pleasure in presenting my Annual Report on the work of the Divisional Health Department during 1968.

The year has seen the appointment of an Area Nursing Officer responsible for the day to day administration of the Nursing Services in the Runcorn, Mid-Cheshire and Nantwich Divisions and the delegation to the Divisional Medical Officer of the responsibility for the co-ordination of the work of the members of the various sections of the County Health Department in the Division.

Liaison with other Health and Social services is improving all the time and the bond should be even closer when, during the coming year, Nursing Staff are attached to General Practitioners and the Divisional Medical Office moves to the Joint Accommodation block in Northwich in company with the Childrens, Education and Welfare Departments.

I am,

Your obedient Servant,

Divisional Medical Officer

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- Area Children's Officer
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- N.S.P.C.C.
- Chief Public Health Inspectors
- Society for Mentally Handicapped Children (Northwich Branch)
- Moral Welfare

MID-CHESHIRE DIVISIONAL HEALTH COMMITTEE

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Divisional Medical Officer	-	Dr.F.Seymour, M.B., Ch.B.,D.P.H.
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	-	Miss S.V.Rigg. S.R.M., A.O.T.

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JUNIOR TRAINING CENTRE

Supervisor	-	Mrs.F.O.Moore, T.M.H.

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Adult Training Centre	- Tel.Northwich 75100
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Barnton	Mrs. S.M.Dorling, 30 Hayes Drive, Barnton.	Northwich 74080
Castle Delamere	*Mrs. P.M.Waterman, Lingmel, Chester Road, G/bank.	Northwich 74544
Davenham	Miss M.Buckley, 437 London Road, Davenham	Northwich 3027
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Little Leigh	Miss E.M.Fishwick, 14 Brakeley Lane,Little Leigh	Comberbach 275
Lostock Gralam	*Mrs. L.M. Newsome, 20 Mere Road, Marston.	Comberbach 425
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	Mrs.V.M.Dutton, Walker's Green Farm, Sproston.	Middlewich 2174
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Sandiway	Miss J.Rigby, The Cottage,Glebe Rd.,Cuddington.	Sandiway 2252
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	*Mrs.J.Meadows, 8 Dee Way, Winsford.	
Witton	*Mrs.P.E.Edwards, 11 Woodlands Road, Hartford.	Northwich 74588
Male Nurse	*Mr. W.Hudson, 2 Mere Close, Pickmere	Pickmere 638

RELIEF NURSES

Barnton & Little Leigh	*Mrs.M. Reece, 26 George Street, Barnton.	
Middlewich	Miss G.M. Magee, 62 Sutton Oaks, Homes Chapel.	
Weaverham	*Mrs.D. Cooke, 2 Manor Grove, Hartford.	Northwich 75097
Witton	*Mrs. G.Stanway, 23 Beswicks Road, Northwich	Northwich 75049

* Indicates District Nurse only.

COUNTY MIDWIVES

Hartford & Castle	Mrs.D.J.Bailey, 11 Croxton Way, Hartford.	Northwich 75787
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Winsford	Mrs. J. Cross, 17 Conway Avenue, Winsford.	
	Miss I.A. Bremner, 204 Ways Green, Winsford.	Winsford 2548
	Miss P.M. Jones, 8 Wellfield,Wharton Rd., Winsford	Winsford 2766
	Mrs. W.A. Place, 22 Fairfield Road, Leftwich, N/wich.	Northwich 3050

CLINIC PROGRAMMES

BARNTON CLINIC. The Memorial Hall, Lydyett Lane, Barnton. Tel. Northwich 75639

Health Visitor - Miss K. Gosney.

Dentist - Mr. G.R.Collins. Tel: Northwich 75527

Dental Clinic - Monday a.m. & p.m.
Child Welfare Clinic - 2nd, 3rd, & 4th Wednesdays p.m.
Eye Clinic - 1st Thursday a.m.
Screening Clinic (by arrangement) - 2nd & 4th Wednesday a.m.

COMBERBACH CLINIC, Parish Hall, Comberbach.

Health Visitor - Miss K. Gosney

Child Welfare Clinic - 1st Wednesday p.m.
Screening Clinic (by arrangement) - 3rd Wednesday a.m.

DARLAND HOUSE CLINIC, Winnington Hill, Northwich. Tel: Northwich 74643

Health Visitors - Mrs.E.E.Conlin and Mrs. Robertshaw.

Dentist Mr. G.R.Collins.

Child Welfare Clinic - Tuesday p.m.
Screening Clinic - 1st Friday a.m.
Paediatric Clinic - 4th Monday p.m.
Speech Therapy - Monday and Wednesday p.m.
Dental Clinic - Monday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday a.m. and p.m.
Young Children's Clinic - 3rd Wednesday p.m.

DAVENHAM CLINIC, Methodist Church Hall, Davenham.

Health Visitor - Mrs. J.S.Freeman

Child Welfare Clinic - 1st and 3rd Thursday p.m.

HARTFORD CLINIC, Methodist Chapel, Beach Road, Hartford.

Health Visitor - Mrs. M.Robertshaw.

Child Welfare Clinic - 2nd and 4th Tuesday p.m.
Occasional Toddlers' Clinic (by arrangement)

LEFTWICH CLINIC, Farm of the Good Shepherd, Leftwich

Health Visitor - Miss M.K. Murray.

Child Welfare Clinic - 2nd and 4th Tuesday p.m.

LOSTOCK CLINIC, Lostock Social Club, Lostock

Health Visitor - Mrs. I.Harris.

Child Welfare Clinic - 2nd and 4th Wednesday p.m.

MIDDLEWICH CLINIC, 85 Wheelock Street, Middlewich. Tel: Middlewich 2165

Health Visitor - Miss M. Gourley.

Dentist - Mr. K.V.Shute. Tel : Middlewich 2596

Child Welfare Clinic - Monday p.m.
Young Children's Clinic - 1st Wednesday p.m.
Screening Clinic - 2nd and 4th Wednesday, p.m.
Eye Clinic - 3rd Tuesday p.m. and 5th Thursday, p.m.
Dental Clinic - Monday & Friday a.m. & p.m. and alt.Wednesdays a.m. and p.m.
Midwives Clinic - 4th Thursday p.m.

MOULTON CLINIC, Methodist Church Hall, Moulton.

Health Visitor - Mrs.M. Brown

Child Welfare Clinic - 1st and 3rd Wednesday p.m.
Screening Clinic (by arrangement) -1st Wednesday p.m.
Immunisation Session - 3rd Wednesday p.m.

OVER CLINIC, Grange Community Centre, Grange Estate, Winsford.

Health Visitor - Mrs. J.S.Freeman and Miss M.K.Murray

Child Welfare Clinic - Monday p.m.
Immunisation Sessions - 2nd and 4th Wednesday a.m.
Young Children's Clinic - 1st Thursday a.m.
Midwives Clinic - Monday a.m.

PARKFIELD CLINIC, Middlewich Road, Rudheath, Northwich. Tel : Northwich 2186

Health Visitor - Mrs. I.Harris

Dentist - Mr. R.H.Hurst.

Child Welfare Clinic - Thursday p.m.
Young Children's Clinic - 1st Tuesday p.m.
Screening Clinic (by arrangement) - Alternate Fridays a.m.
Midwives Clinic (by arrangement) - Monday p.m.
Preparation Classes (Ante-Natal) Monday p.m.
Eye Clinics - 2nd & 3rd Thursday a.m., 1st, 2nd & 4th Friday p.m.Occasional Tues.a.m.
Dental Clinic - Tuesday, Thursday & Friday a.m. & p.m.
E.N.T. Clinic (by arrangement) - 2nd Tuesday p.m.
Audiology Clinic (Mr.Buckingham) (by arrangement) - Thursday am.m
" " (Mrs. Martin) Alternate Mondays a.m.
Cervical Smear Clinics - Monday a.m. and Friday a.m.
Child Guidance Clinic - Mondays ' Tuesdays a.m. and p.m.

SANDIWAY CLINIC, Methodist Church Hall, Sandiway

Health Visitor - Mrs. Robertshaw

Child Welfare Clinic - 1st and 3rd Tuesday p.m.
Occasional Toddlers' Clinic, (by arrangement)

TARPORLEY CLINIC, Community Centre, Tarporley.

Health Visitor - Mrs. A.Corless

Child Welfare Clinic - 2nd and 4th Wednesday p.m.
Screening Clinic - 2nd Thursday a.m. (Alternate months)
Young Children's Clinic - 4th Thursday a.m.
Relaxation class - Thursday p.m.

WEAVERHAM CLINIC, Church Lane, Weaverham. Tel : Weaverham 3177

Health Visitor - Mrs. B.Vintner.

Dentist - Mr. G.H.Craine

Child Welfare Clinic - Tuesday p.m.
Young Children's Clinic - 3rd Monday p.m.
Screening Clinic (by arrangement) 2nd and 4th Friday p.m.
Midwives Clinic - Thursday p.m.
Preparation Classes (Ante-Natal) - Thursday p.m.
Cerebal Palsy Clinic - Wednesday a,m. and p.m. and Monday a.m.
Eye Clinic - 3rd Friday p.m.
Speech Therapy - Thursday a.m.
Dental Clinic - Wednesday a.m. and p.m. and by arrangement

WEAVER STREET CLINIC, 98 Weaver Street, Winsford. Tel : Winsford 2387

Health Visitors - Miss J.M.Gassick and Miss M.K.Murray

Dentist - Mr. G.M. Craine and Mrs. S.E.Scanlan

Child Welfare Clinic - Friday p.m.
Young Children's Clinic - 1st Thursday p.m.
Screening Clinic - 2nd Thursday a.m.
E.N.T. Clinic - 3rd Tuesday p.m.
Dental Clinic - Monday, Wednesday and Friday a.m. and p.m.
Audiology Clinic (Mr. Buckingham) - Tuesday a.m. (Mrs.Martin) Alt.Monday a.m.
Immunisation Clinic - 1st Wednesday p.m.
Midwives Clinic - 2nd and 4th Wednesday p.m.
Mothers' Club - 2nd Monday p.m.

WHARTON CLINIC, Crook Lane, Wharton, Winsford. Tel : Winsford 3213

Health Visitors - Mrs. M.Brown, Mrs.J.Moger and Mrs. J.S.Freeman

Dentist - Mrs. S.E.Scanlan

Child Welfare Clinic - Tuesday p.m.
Midwives' Clinic - 1st and 3rd Wednesdays p.m.
Eye Clinic - 2nd and 4th Thursday p.m., 2nd Tuesday a.m. 1st and 3rd Thursday a.m.
Young Children's Clinic - 2nd Thursday a.m.
Screening Clinic - 4th Thursday p.m.
Relaxation Clinic - every Wednesday p.m.
Cervical Smear Clinic - 1st, 3rd and 4th Tuesdays a.m.
Dental Clinic - Tuesdays and Fridays a.m.
Immunisation and Vaccination Clinic - 1st and 3rd Wednesday 1.m.

CHILD WELFARE CLINIC ATTENDANCES

The Sheldon report on 'Child Welfare Centres' published in 1967 made the following principal recommendations:-

(1) Infants should have a routine medical examination on first attending the clinic, again at six months and at about the time of each birthday until the fourth. These routine examinations should coincide with tests for specific handicaps.

(2) The Doctor and Health Visitor must continue to advise on infant nutrition and hygiene.

(3) Every effort should be made to develop Health Education activities within the centre.

(4) Doctors working in the centres require an understanding of the psychology of the family and should be able to give the time to listen to the anxieties of parents.

(5) The Doctor and Health Visitor have a unique part to play in the detection and management of emotional illness and in the counselling of parents of handicapped children.

As can be seen from the above there will be a change in the function of the Child Welfare Clinic with a decrease in the routine weighing of healthy babies, and an increasing move to the prevention and early detection of emotional and physical abnormalities of the child and the family.

This change is already being seen in the drop in the number of visits of children under the age of twelve months to the Child Welfare Clinics. Unfortunately there has been a decrease in the number of young children seen, but this is largely due to the shortage of suitably trained medical staff. In this connection it is pleasing to note that the County Health Department has held its first course on Developmental Paediatrics for Clinic Doctors.

As can be seen the fall in the sales of Welfare Foods continued and it is pleasing to note that the County Health Committee decided that the sale of Proprietary Foods should cease. It is hoped that the sale of 'National' Welfare foods will be taken over by voluntary agencies during the coming year.

The tables below give details of attendances and welfare food sales:-

	NEW CASES		TOTAL ATTENDANCES					
	0 - 1 Year		0 - 1 Year		1 - 2 Years		2 - 5 Years	
	1967	1968	1967	1968	1967	1968	1967	1968
Barnton	62	83	991	1,044	166	176	15	27
Comberbach ..	17	11	130	93	32	37	29	29
Davenham	27	35	372	363	104	122	63	37
Hartford	54	78	392	571	79	90	87	62
Leftwich	38	53	373	420	56	86	19	33
Lostock	47	45	470	391	72	100	45	107
Middlewich ..	137	181	1,468	1,594	379	258	266	79
Moulton	30	30	404	276	94	105	34	19
Darland House ..	108	100	1,625	1,288	373	218	239	203
Parkfield	164	143	2,110	1,021	209	231	58	107
Sandiway	89	146	843	1,609	141	255	83	30
Tarporley	46	60	402	646	114	140	156	65
Weaverham	136	76	2,071	417	385	52	266	70
Winsford	115	151	1,252	1,633	255	300	128	127
Winsford - Over	129	115	1,417	648	315	127	153	63
Winsford - Wharton	214	226	1,973	1,924	368	245	107	82
	1,413	1,533	16,293	13,938	3,142	2,542	1,748	1,140

Welfare Food Sales

Year	Value of Sales Proprietary Foods Sold only at Clinics	National Dried Milk (tins)	Orange Juice (bottles)	Cod Liver Oil (bottles)	A. & D. Tablets (packets)
1968	£5,263	6,250	13,980	961	1,092
1967	£5,956	11,464	16,428	865	1,261
1966	£6,251	17,207	15,296	855	1,490
1965	£5,395	20,910	13,991	1,022	1,744
1964	£5,007	20,969	12,733	1,016	1,712

OLD PEOPLES HEALTH ADVISORY CLINICS

Pending a policy decision by the County Medical Officer these were suspended early in 1968.

The following table gives details of attendances:-

Address where clinic held	No. of Clinics held	Total Attends.
Comberbach Memorial Hall, Comberbach.	1	8
Parkfield Clinic Northwich.	2	6
Darland House Clinic Northwich. ..	1	6
Weaverham Clinic, Weaverham.	4	19
Wharton Clinic, Winsford	1	5
Total	9	44

CERVICAL SMEAR CLINICS

The number attending the clinics was disappointing but on the brighter side excellent co-operation was received from the Management of Cerebos Ltd. where 133 tests were carried out. Many women who would not have attended a clinic undertook the test and further approaches to factories are being made during 1969.

However, the possibility of introducing a comprehensive service for the whole of the female population of the County over 21 years of age, employing the Council's computer in much the same way as in the very successful immunisation scheme, is being actively pursued by the County Health Department. This may well prove to be a turning point in this service.

	Factory Sessions		Parkfield Clinic Northwich		Wharton Clinic Winsford	
	1967	1968	1967	1968	1967	1968
No. of Sessions held	-	10	64	59	25	24
No. of new patients who attended	-	133	673	462	243	222
Total attendances	-	133	673	554	243	224
Results of examination :-						
a. Nothing abnormal	-	133	672	553	238	214
b. For further investigation	-	-	1	1	5	10
c. Number in b. found positive	-	-	1	1	1	3

INFECTIOUS DISEASES

The table below gives details of the various infectious diseases notified in each Council area within the Division during 1967 and 1968:-

	1967					1968				
	NR	WU	MU	NU	Div.	NR	WU	MU	NU	Div.
Dysentery	-	-	-	9	9	-	-	-	10	10
Measles	311	130	21	210	672	398	117	9	104	628
Pneumonia, Influenzal & Acute Lobar	2	-	-	2	4	4	-	1	2	7
Scarlet Fever	26	5	2	12	45	20	-	-	5	25
Respiratory Tuberculosis	1	1	1	1	4	4	3	-	-	7
Non-Respirary Tuberculosis	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	1
Whooping Cough	9	-	4	19	32	4	-	-	1	5
Food Poisoning	3	-	-	-	3	1	-	-	2	3
Encephalitis	2	-	-	-	2	-	-	-	-	-
Paratyphoid Fever	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	1
Puerparal Pyrexia	1	-	-	-	1	-	1	-	-	11
Infectious Hepatitis	-	-	-	-	-	3	7	-	2	12

Dysentery

Northwich Urban District Council

Two separate outbreaks occurred, both involved fairly large families with young children. Fortunately there was no evidence of spread outside the family circle.

In addition to these a small outbreak of dysentery occurred in the Infants Class at the Junior Training Centre. The source of infection was almost certainly two children from a residential nursery who attend the Centre. As soon as the initial cases came to light investigations were carried out and a further three children were found to be infected. These were excluded and a strict schedule of hygiene instituted. No further cases occurred during the year.

Food Poisoning

Northwich Rural District Council

A single case of food poisoning was notified. The organism was Salmonella Virchow and the food involved was almost certainly chicken, although unfortunately none remained by the time the case was notified.

Northwich Urban District Council

The first case of food poisoning notified in January was almost certainly part of a family outbreak due to Salmonella Typhi-Murium. The diagnosis was not made until after admission to hospital and because of the time lag, it was not possible to trace the source of infection. No other cases or carriers were found outside the immediate family circle.

The circumstances and results of investigations in the second case, which was notified in September, were almost identical with the first.

Para-Typhoid Fever

A single case was notified in October, the onset having been in early September, Despite investigations no further cases were found. One possible source of infection could have been some temporary residents in the area, from the continent, who had by then left the area.

Infectious Hepatitis

Winsford Urban District Council

Two small outbreaks occurred during the year. One was concentrated on a street, the other in a class. The Ministry of Health agreed to release sufficient immuno-globulin to protect the child's contacts in both outbreaks.

Northwich Urban and Northwich Rural District Councils

The cases notified in these two districts were all isolated ones, evidence of the endemic nature of the disease.

TUBERCULOSIS

Two of the cases notified were individuals on the staff of schools in the Division. In each instance Tuberculin Testing and Chest X-rays, where necessary, were arranged for the children attending the school together with X-rays of chest for the members of the staff. No further cases were discovered amongst the contacts.

YEAR 1968	Northwich U.D.		Winsford U.D.		Middlewich U.D.		Northwich R.D.	
	R	N.R.	R.	N.R.	R.	N.R.	R.	N.R.
New Cases Notified (including Transfers)	1	2	3	-	-	-	4	1
Deaths	1	-	-	-	-	-	1	-
Recovered	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-
Other removals from Register (left District etc.)	1	-	1	-	-	-	2	1
No. on Register at the end of 1967	20	2	26	4	10	2	35	1
No. on Register at the end of 1968	19	4	28	4	10	2	35	1

R. - Respiratory N.R. - Non Respiratory

VACCINATION AND IMMUNISATION

During the year Measles vaccination became available and was offered to children aged one to seven years. In an effort to have as many children vaccinated as possible the parents of all children in this age group were asked if they wanted their children to be immunised. This was a considerable clerical task and despite additional help it did result in the slowing down of the normal school immunisation programme. Although a substantial number of children in this age group must already have had Measles the final number vaccinated was rather disappointing.

The Computer immunisation scheme described in last year's Annual Report was introduced to the Division on the 1st January, 1968 and most of the General Practitioners agreed to participate in the scheme.

The increase in primary vaccination against Smallpox is almost certainly the result of the implementation of this scheme.

The programme of immunisation procedure has recently been amended and now includes Measles vaccination and it is, therefore, hoped that as parents receive notifications for their children to attend for Measles vaccination the percentage protected against this disease, which does have serious complications, will rise during 1969.

Measles, Diphtheria, Whooping Cough, Tetanus, Polio and Smallpox Vaccination

	PRIMARY		BOOSTER	
	1967	1968	1967	1968
Diphtheria	2	14	200	97
Diphtheria/Whooping Cough	-	-	-	-
Diphtheria/Whooping Cough & Tetanus	1,245	1,253	412	782
Diphtheria/Tetanus	174	137	917	483
Tetanus	1,091	648	155	190
Polio:				
Sabin Vaccine	1,515	1,359	1,921	1,346
Salk Vaccine	7	-	1	-
Smallpox:				
Under 1 year	58	8	-	-
1 - 5 years	424	876	15	51
School children	44	57	36	23
Measles	-	1,117	-	-
	4,560	5,469	3,657	2,972

Total Number of Protective Procedures carried out for Diphtheria, Whooping Cough, Tetanus, Smallpox, Polio and Measles.

	Total by G.P.'s	Total by Local Authority	Combined Total
1967	3,725	4,492	8,217
1968	4,598	3,845	8,443

1966 2,286 children received primary or booster against Diphtheria
1967 2,950 children received primary or booster against Diphtheria
1968 2,866 children received primary or booster against Diphtheria

1966 3,151 children received primary or booster against Tetanus
1967 3,994 children received primary or booster against Tetanus
1968 3,493 children received primary or booster against Tetanus

1966 2,890 children received primary or booster against Poliomyelitis
1967 3,444 children received primary or booster against Poliomyelitis
1968 2,705 children received primary or booster against Poliomyelitis

B. C. G. VACCINATION

Details of children receiving B.C.G.:-

Year	Children Eligible	Percentage of Parents consenting	Percentage Abs. for tests	Percentage Tuberculin Positive	Percentage Tuberculin Neg. & Vacc.
1961	806	70	13	30	70
1962	1,326	76	11	28	72
1963	1,453	83	14	21	79
1964	1,031	85	15	19	81
1965	1,518	87	12	19	81
1966	1,626	84	10	16	84
1967	1,516	87	7	20	80
1968	1,598	89	10	16	84

SERVICES FOR THE PHYSICALLY HANDICAPPED

The services for the physically handicapped cannot be mentioned without realising the amount of voluntary help given and I wish to express my sincere appreciation for the efforts of all voluntary helpers, particularly members of the W.R.V.S., Mid-Cheshire Association for the Physically Handicapped and British Red Cross Society.

The Social Club, Handicraft Group, Cultural Evening Group and Swimming Club continued to develop during the year. The Mid-Cheshire Association for the Physically Handicapped organised a further holiday at Blackpool but undoubtedly the highlight of the year was the day trip to the Isle of Man organised by the Chairman of the Northwich Urban District Council. Members and helpers spent an energetic day visiting places of interest on the island and a 16mm cine film of the trip was made and shown to Club members the following month.

Plans for the future are very much dependant upon the opening date of the new Handicapped Persons Unit. It is hoped that Archery will be one of the new interests available to suitable members.

Work Centre

The Work Centre mentioned in last year's report was commenced as a joint project with the Salvation Army on one morning per week. Continuation was dependant upon an overflow of work from the Adult Training Centre contracts but the scheme was reasonably successful. Although payment to members was minimal the sessions provided another enjoyable and therapeutic outlet for the members time and energy. It is hoped that during the coming year the Work Centre will expand to one full day per week and that a greater variety of work will be available. We are, of course, indebted to the local Salvation Army for providing the facilities at a nominal rental and also for providing the volunteers to supervise the Group.

The following chart gives details of Club attendances during 1968:-

CLUB ATTENDANCES

	No. of members		No. of sessions		No. of attends.	
	1967	1968	1967	1968	1967	1968
Social	58	61	25	26	1,007	1,092
Handicraft:-						
Thursday	40	39	29	23	791	769
Monday	28	29	8	25	184	699
Music & Art	25	22	24	24	532	456
Work Centre	-	18	-	40	-	462

CAR BADGES FOR THE PHYSICALLY HANDICAPPED

Persons who are seriously handicapped and can only walk a very limited distance are eligible to receive, upon application, two stick-on badges identifying them as physically handicapped. This scheme was introduced by the Ministry of Health in an effort to assist such drivers to receive extra consideration when parking, but it must be remembered that possession of the badges does not confirm any legal rights whatsoever.

Three applications were received during 1968.

ADAPTATIONS TO PROPERTY

The following table gives details of the number and cost of alterations during 1967 and 1968:-

	1967	1968
Number of alterations	24	39
Total cost of County Council	£719 10s. 11d.	£661 13s. 3d.

CARE AND AFTER CARE

Demand for aids was again heavy particularly for commodes, backrests, interliners and underpads. The following chart shows the total number of items issued during the year:-

	EQUIPMENT ISSUED	
	1967	1968
Number of items of equipment loaned ..	497	636
Number of underpads and interliners issued	18,950	27,600

CONVALESCENT TREATMENT

Four patients were sent for convalescent treatment during 1968.

DOMESTIC HELP SERVICE

During 1968 there was an increase of 13% in the number of hours worked and 8% in the number of persons helped. As expected the bulk of additional hours was allocated to the over 65 age group but, unexpectedly, the number of confinement cases was down.

The standard charge was increased from 5/6d. to 6/-d. per hour on 30th September, 1968 and the total income for the year was £159 more than in 1967.

A heavier demand or the service is anticipated during 1969 but in view of financial restrictions we shall need to be more selective in the allocation of help than ever before.

Number of Domestic Helps employed at end of year:-

	1967	1968
a. Whole time	Nil	Nil
b. Part-time	94	102
c. Equivalent whole time	27	32

	1967		1968	
	Cases	Hours worked	Cases	Hours worked
Aged & Infirm	358	55,115	396	62,934
Others	24	1,283	19	1,129
Confinements	9	156	7	142
	391	56,554	422	64,205

Income: £2,687 £2846

CHIROPODY SERVICE

The only significant change was a reduced number of physically handicapped patients and an increase in the number of elderly patients. The total number treated in 1968 was just over 3% more than in 1967.

	Over 65				Physically Handicapped			
	Patients		Treatments		Patients		Treatments	
	1967	1968	1967	1968	1967	1968	1967	1968
Surgery	352	374	1,855	1,830	12	9	50	44
Home Visit	372	462	1,654	1,831	37	27	148	118

	1967	1968
Number of cases in which County Council paid full fees	676	759
Number of cases in which County Council paid half fees	97	113

MID-CHESHIRE MENTAL HEALTH SERVICE

As a result of the County Council's staff training programme Mid-Cheshire has two Mental Welfare Officers and four members of the staff of Training Centres away on courses. When they return 50% of the Mental Health Staff in the area will be professionally qualified. During the year Mrs. F. Moore and Miss A. Davenport returned having successfully obtained their Diploma for teaching the mentally handicapped.

The number in attendance at the Junior Training Centre has continued to increase. For the first time there is a waiting list for admission to the Special Care Unit, which provides Day Care for the more severely mentally retarded who also have other handicaps. Parents' evenings at the Junior Centre have been very well attended, but in an effort to encourage parents to visit the Centre during the day, they are being offered individual appointments to meet the Supervisor and staff. This gives parents the opportunity to see their child at work; to discuss problems with the staff and ensures a continuity of approach to problems at home and at the Centre. This joint approach should materially assist both parents and staff in the social training and development of the child.

Further expansion at the Adult Training Centre will not be possible until the Divisional office is moved to the new offices in Northwich Town Centre. During the year industrial contract work increased so that it became possible to share some of this work with the Physically Handicapped. The Social Training programme has been much improved now that the two senior members of staff have successfully completed the Diploma course. Supervised visits for trainees to the Baths continued to be popular and an additional attraction during the year has been the use of the Gymnasium at the Northwich and District Youth Centre.

The Social Club for the older Mentally Handicapped under the direction of Mr. Belk, the Area Youth Leader, and a Mental Welfare Officer now meets weekly on a Thursday at the Northwich and District Youth Centre. Attendance averages 30 per week and members are able to participate in a varied recreational and social programme. One of the highlights of the year was the visit made to the Social Club for the Mentally Handicapped at Hazel Grove. The Club in Northwich is very well supported by volunteers from Secondary Schools and other Youth Organisations in the area.

With a view to relieving parents on a Saturday afternoon the Mid-Cheshire branch of the National Society for Mentally Handicapped Children has organised a session at the Junior Training Centre on one Saturday per month. There the parents of young mentally handicapped children can leave then secure in the knowledge that they will be cared for while they are shopping. In addition to voluntary lay helpers one member of the Junior Training Centre staff volunteers to attend these sessions.

Case discussions are held between the Training Centre staff, Mental Welfare Officer and Assistant County Mental Officers. These discussions are primarily concerned with social, physical and emotional needs and problems of the trainees and their families.

Mental illness continues to form the larger part of the work of the Mental Welfare Officers. During the year 376 new cases were referred to the service and social visits totalled 2,329. Co-operation with the hospital, General Practitioner and Social Work Services is satisfactory with regular contact and case discussions.

During Mental Health Week the Area Mental Welfare Officer held informal discussions with groups of mothers attending Child Welfare Clinics on topics relating to mental health. In addition a portable careers exhibition was displayed at Secondary Schools in the Division.

A P P E N D I X

HEALTH SERVICES

Details of Clubs etc. for the Physically Handicapped - further information being available on request from the Divisional Medical Officer:-

Handicrafts
Social Club
Music & Art
Swimming
Work Centre

Information concerning Cervical Smear Clinics, Domestic Help Service, Chiropody Treatment, Convalescence, Vaccination and Immunisation and services for the Physically Handicapped is also obtainable from the Divisional Medical Office, Tel. No. Northwich 74251/2

AREA MENTAL WELFARE OFFICER - Mr. G. H. Howard, C.S.W.
Brunner Guildhall,
High Street, Winsford.
Tel. No. Winsford 3346 and
Winsford 3787

Details of Clubs etc. for the Mentally Handicapped - further information being available from Mr. Howard:-

Thursday Club	-	Northwich & District Youth Centre, Winnington Hill, Northwich (Weekly).
Play Group	-	Junior Training Centre, David Street, Northwich. (Monthly).
Russett Social Club	-	Weaverham Clinic, Church Lane, Weaverham. (Fortnightly).

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Area Welfare Officer	Miss J. Scott, Weaver Hall, London Road, Northwich Tel. No. Northwich 3951
Area Children's Officer, Children's Department	Mr. D. A. Toombs, Winnington House, Northwich. Tel. No. Northwich 75243
Chief Public Health Inspectors:-	Mr. J. S. Carrie, Northwich Rural District Council, Council Offices, Whitehall, Hartford, Northwich. Tel. No. Northwich 74274
	Mr. T. H. Rogerson, Winsford Urban District Council, Over Hall, Winsford. Tel. No. Winsford 2021
	Mr. T. Baines, Northwich Urban District Council, The Council House, Church Road, Northwich. Tel. No. Northwich 2334
	Mr. F. C. Costello, Middlewich Urban District Council, Lewin Street, Middlewich. Tel. No. Middlewich 2571
Mid-Cheshire Association for the Physically Handicapped	Hon. Sec. Mrs. S. M. Rogerson, 'Little Moss', Cinder Hill, Whitegate, Northwich. Tel. No. Sandiway 2215

N.S.P.C.C.	Inspector A. R. Moores, 12 Moss Road, Winnington, Northwich. Tel. No. Northwich 74134.
Moral Welfare	Miss E. M. Mann, 98 St. Georges Road, Winsford. Tel. No. Winsford 2684
	Darland House, Winnington Hill, Northwich. Monday a.m. and Thursday a.m. Tel. No. Northwich 74643

MEALS-ON-WHEELS - Information regarding this service should be requested from:-

Northwich Urban District	The Centre Organiser (Mrs. J. Stott), Home Address - The Laurels, Norley Road, Cuddington. Tel. No. Sandiway 3361.
Northwich Rural District	The Centre Organiser (Mrs. M. Crill), Home Address - Box Hedge, Acton Bridge, Northwich. Tel. No. Weaverham 3147.
Winsford Urban District	The Centre Organiser (Mrs. F. C. Heaton), W.R.V.S. Office, 8 Weaver Street, Winsford. Tel. No. Winsford 2427
Middlewich Urban District	Mrs. R. W. Drake, (Meals-on-Wheels Officer), Chancery Cottage, Birch Lane, Middlewich. Tel. No. Middlewich 3232.
Northwich Branch, Society for Mentally Handicapped Children	Mrs. G. Preece, 61 Bradbury Road, Winsford, Cheshire.

LUNCHEON CLUBS

Luncheon Clubs are held as follows:-

(a) Northwich, Barnton, Comberbach, Davenham, Sandiway and Hartford

(b) Middlewich.

(c) Winsford.

Applications to:-

(a) Mrs. M. Rowe, The Salt Museum, Witton Street, Northwich.
Tel. No. Northwich 2393.

(b) Mrs. Bailey, The Bungalow, Newton Heath, Off St. Annes Road, Middlewich.

(c) Mrs. F. C. Heaton, W.R.V.S. Office, 8 Weaver Street, Winsford.
Tel. No. Winsford 2427.

CITIZENS ADVICE BUREAU

Council of Social Service and Citizens Advice Bureau, Northwich.	Mrs. M. Rowe, The Salt Museum, Witton Street, Northwich. Tel. No. Northwich 2393.
Citizens Advice Bureau, Winsford.	Mrs. Gott, The Rates Office, Town Bridge, High Street, Winsford. Tel. No. Winsford 2706

SOLO CLUB FOR LONELY PEOPLE

Held on alternate Monday evenings at 8.00 p.m. at the George and Dragon Hotel, Witton Street, Northwich. Details obtainable from:- Mrs. M. Rowe, The Salt Museum, Witton Street, Northwich. Tel. No. Northwich 2393

OLD PEOPLE'S CLUBS	Secretary
Barnton Old Friends' Club, Lydyett Lane, Barnton.	Mrs. Jackson, 57 Mond Street, Barnton, Northwich.
Castle & Winnington Old Friends' Club, Barbers Lane, Queensgate, Northwich.	Mrs. Shaw, 7 Darwin Street, Castle, Northwich.
Comberbach & Marbury Over 60's Club, Memorial Hall, Comberbach, Northwich.	Mrs. Kellett, 'Freeleen', Marbury Road, Comberbach, Northwich.
Cuddington & Sandiway Old Friends' Club, Church Hall, Sandiway, Northwich.	Mrs. Tomkinson, 'Kedah', Chester Road, Sandiway, Northwich.
Darby & Joan Club, W.R.V.S. Civil Defence Centre, Hayhurst Street, Northwich.	Mrs. Edwards, Abbey Way, Hartford, Northwich.
Davenham Old Friends' Club, Davenham Social Club, Firth Fields, Davenham, Northwich.	Mrs. Rowe, 29 Firth Fields, Davenham, Northwich.
Hartford Over 60's Club, Hartford Church Hall, Hartford, Northwich.	Mrs. Sinclair, Malvern, Heyshams Avenue, Hartford, Northwich.
Leftwich Estate Over 60's Club, Farm of the Good Shepherd, Leftwich, Northwich.	Mrs. Lewis, 43 Meadow Grove, Leftwich Estate, Northwich.
Lostock Gralam Monday Club, Lostock Social Club, Lostock, Northwich.	Mrs. Morris, 3 Prospect Drive, Davenham, Northwich.
Moulton Old Friend's Club, Moulton Church Hall, Moulton, Northwich.	Mrs. Corwood, Mere Bank House, Davenham, Northwich.
Northwich Pensioners' Association, Gladstone Club, Northwich.	Mrs. Hornbuckle, 3 St. John's Close, Rudheath, Northwich.
Rudheath Old Friends' Club, Youth Club, Rudheath, Northwich.	Mrs. Stubbs, 'Inglewood', King Street, Rudheath, Northwich.
Tarporley Autumn Club, Community Centre, Tarporley, Cheshire.	Mrs. Wilkinson, Clifton House, High Street, Tarporley, Cheshire.
Weaverham Old Friends' Club, Weaverham Church Hall, Weaverham, Northwich.	Mrs. Marshall, 56 Keepers Lane, Weaverham, Northwich.
Whitegate Old Friends' Club, Whitegate Recreation Club, Whitegate, Northwich.	Mrs. Leadbeater, 'Wood End Cottage', Whitegate, Northwich.

Wincham Old Friends' Club Wincham Church School, Wincham, Northwich.	Mrs. Smith, 106 Pickmere Lane, Wincham, Northwich.
Witton - Darby & Joan Club, Bourne Methodist School Room, Witton Street, Northwich.	Mrs. Skellon, 46 Victoria Road, Northwich.
Winnington House Veterans'Club, Castle Park Dairies,Castle, Northwich.	Mr. Hatton, 'Woodgarth', Townfield Lane, Barnton, Northwich.
Golden Years, Air Cadets Headquarters Off Queen Street, Northwich.	Mrs. Croft, 403 London Road, Davenham, Northwich.

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Over 60's Club, The Institute, Queen Street, Middlewich.	Mrs. M. Hall, 75 Nantwich Road, Middlewich.

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Darby & Joan Club, Grange Court, Winsford.	Mrs. J. Hulse, 221 Crook Lane, Winsford.
Darby & Joan Club, Willow Wood Community Centre, Winsford.	Mrs. J. Hulse, 221 Crook Lane, Winsford.
Evergreen Club, The Community Centre, Grange Estate, Winsford.	Mrs. M. Coyne, 38 Moss Bank, Winsford.
Monday Club, Willow Wood Community Centre, Wharton, Winsford.	Mrs. Marshall, 'Wersencroft House', Crook Lane, Winsford.

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Club Rooms open daily in Middlewich

Fountain Field Sports Ground, building adjacent to the Bowling and Putting Greens.

Room adjacent to the Chadwick Fields Home, newspapers and periodicals available, also the use of a table for games.

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FAMILY PLANNING CLINIC

Family Planning Association Clinics are held every Tuesday and Wednesday from 7.00 p.m. until 8.30 p.m. at the Victoria Infirmary, Northwich.